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SUBJECT: SECOND EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

1. ACCORDING TO UIL NATIONAL SECRETARY QUERENGHI (WHO ATTENDED), EAST-WEST CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WAS UNREMARKABLE AFFAIR.
HIGHLIGHTS, HE THOUGHT, WERE UNAVAILING EFFORTS OF SOVIETS AND OTHER BLOC PARTICIPANTS TO REMOVE EAST-WEST MEETINGS FROM ILO AUSPICES, AND THE AVID SUPPORT FOR EXPANDED CONTACTS SHOWN BY THE BRITISH AND NORWEGIANS.

2. QUERENGHI SAYS HE LEARNED THAT, DURING SHELEPIN'S VISIT TO WEST GERMANY, DGB CHIEF VETTER HAD PROMISED TO SUPPORT AUCCTU EFFORTS TO EXPAND SCOPE OF EAST-WEST MEETINGS AND
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TO INSTITUTIONALIZE CONFERENCES. LAPPAS AND OTHERS IN DGB

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OPPOSED THESE STEPS STRONGLY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH
VETTER WAS ALMOST SILENT THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE.

3. CISL SECRETARY GENERAL STORTI IS DESCRIBED BY
QUERENGHI AS HAVING PLAYED A STRONG ROLE IN RESISTING
COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO CONCENTRATE THE CONFERENCE'S ATTENTION
SOLELY ON WESTERN EUROPEAN PROBLEMS, AND TO REMOVE THE CON-
FERENCE FROM THE ILO UMBRELLA.

4. COMMENT: STORTI'S ANTI-COMMUNIST STANCE AT GENEVA
ACCORDS WITH HIS OWN CONTENTIONS REGARDING LABOR UNITY IN
ITALY. HE HAS ALWAYS PROTESTED HIS ANTI-COMMUNISM AND
REFUTED THE IDEA THAT MERGER OF THE THREE ITALIAN CONFEDERA-
TIONS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO COMMUNIST CONTROL. END COMMENTVOLPE

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